

## **HABITAT CONSERVATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

A regular meeting of the Habitat Conservation Technical Committee (TC) was held in the conference room of the Washington County Administration Building, **June 16, 2016.**

Members present were:

Cameron Rognan, Chairman  
John Kellam, Vice Chairman  
Ann McLuckie  
Nathan Brown  
Marshall Topham

Washington County HCP  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)  
Local Biologist

Absent and Excused was:

Kristen Comella

Snow Canyon State Park (SCSP)

Also present were:

Lynn Chamberlain  
Lacey McIntyre  
Celeste Maloy  
Kade Bringhurst

Washington County HCP Administrator  
Washington County HCP Recorder  
Washington County Attorney's Office  
St. George City

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cameron Rognan noted a quorum existed and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **a. May 12, 2016**

**MOTION** by John Kellam to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Nathan Brown.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

### **3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **a. Discussion of Mill Creek/replacement well site field trip**

Kade Bringhurst (St. George City) referred to exhibit 3-a-1, a map also presented in last month's meeting, regarding a back up well site in the Reserve. The map shows a proposed and alternate well site. Members of the committee took a field trip to the area prior to the meeting and discussed both sites. The alternative site is located east of the

wash by an existing dirt road. The proposed site is located northwest of the alternate site and is the preferred site of St. George City. The committee discussed the sites, water catchment, mitigation, the view shed, road expansion, and plant diversity. Ann will write up a recommendation to give to the HCAC on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Ann McLuckie to recommend the east site due to five main concerns including the view shed, the wash, plant diversity, road extension, and overall tortoise impacts.

Seconded by John Kellam.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

#### **4. OTHER REPORTS FROM TC MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a. Cameron mentioned Chuck Gillette with Ivins City called and said there will be a safety inspection for the Ivins/Tuacahn detention basin next week for which they have to eliminate all of the burrows. The HCP would like to go search for burrows and make sure any tortoises get removed before that happens. John and Ann mentioned they could go Monday morning to help HCP staff search for and tag burrows for tortoise removal.

b. Marshall asked about the Sentierre field trip next month. The committee will meet on Tuacahn Drive at the future site of the Sentierre development on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

c. Ann mentioned a tortoise that was killed on the loop road at Pioneer Park. She asked if there would be a need for a “watch for tortoises” sign on that loop. The committee discussed the issue, and Ann asked the HCP to see if St. George City would be willing to put a warning sign in that area. Cameron will contact St. George City.

d. John reported there needs to be something done with the fencing on Cottonwood Road from the water tower to Turkey Farm because there is a reoccurring problem with tortoises getting out. He will bring this issue up to BLM management and discuss proper fencing protocol.

e. Marshall mentioned he will have about 40 students this fall in his Environmental Science class at Dixie State University who will need to do a service project, if the committee members have any ideas. Ann and John mentioned removing tumbleweeds on Cottonwood Road or helping with the upcoming UNLV planting project. Marshall will be in contact with John regarding service projects.

#### **5. NEXT MEETING DATES**

a. July 14, 2016

6. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by John Kellam to adjourn.

Seconded by Nathan Brown.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Lacey McIntyre.